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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment and Response to Non-final Office Action is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2009 ("Office Action"). Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing with an executed Certificate of Filing on or before October 2, 2009 (37 C.F.R. 1.8). It is believed that this response does not occasion any additional fees or extensions of time, but should there be any need for such an extension of time please treat this paper as such and charge (or credit) any extension fees, or any additional fees that may be due herein, to Deposit Account No. 132546.

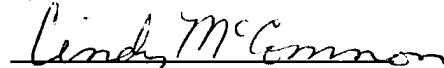
Applicants have amended the specification to provide antecedent basis for the claim limitation "pleated" which appears in Claims 17-19, 27, 45-47, 49 and 50. The amendment to the specification is set forth on page 2.

Although no previously pending claim has been cancelled or amended herein or new claim added, for the convenience of the examiner, applicants provide a complete listing of the pending claims beginning on page 3. Applicant's Remarks begin on page 8.

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